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SUBJ: SOVIET AND ROMANIAN DELEGATIONS VISIT LIBYA

1. A HIGH LEVEL SOVIET DELEGATION LED BY THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MORDVINOV BEGAN THEIR FOURTH DAY OF EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH LIBYAN OFFICIALS JUNE 8. UPON THE DELEGATION'S ARRIVAL JUNE 4, IT MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE LIBYAN ARAB SOVIET COOPERATION COMMITTEE. THE SOVIET DELEGATION IS REPORTEDLY HERE TO EXAMINE "ASPECTS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION AND REVIEW OF AGREEMENTS ALREADY CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." THE DELEGATION HAS THUS FAR HELD TALKS WITH LIBYA'S SECRETARY OF ELECTRICITY JUMA AL-ARBASH, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TABU, SECRETARY OF MARINE WEALTH AND NUTRITION AL-MUQASSABI, SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY AL-TALHI AND LIBYA'S SECRETARY FOR OIL AL-MABRUK. THE SOVIET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPUTY CHAIRMAN MET SEPARATELY JUNE 7 WITH LIYAN PRIMIN UBAYDI AND MAJOR JALLUD. BOTH MEETINGS WERE ATTENDED BY MINISTERS ARBASH AND TALHI.

2. MEDIA COVERAGE DOES NOT ELABORATE BEYOND GENERAL STATEMENT THAT BOTH SIDES DISCUSSED MUTUAL COOPERATION.

- 3. JUNE 7 MEDIA GIVES BRIEF REPORT OF ARRIVAL ROMANIAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND MEMBER OF THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY POLITBURO TEODOR COMAN. THE ROMANIAN INTERIOR MINISTER AND ACCOMPANYING DELEGATION ARE THE GUEST OF LIBYAN SECRETARY INTERIOR COL. YUNIS BELQASIM.
- 4. VISIT OF SOVIET ECONOMIC DELEGATION PRESUMABLY FOLLOW-UP TO QADHAFI MOSCOW VISIT LAST DECEMBER REPORTS OF WHICH SUGGESTED EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN LIBYAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WHICH MAY INCLUDE PROJECTS IN PETROLEUM AREA. HERETOFORE SOVIET CONNECTION HAS BEEN LARGELY MILITARY IN CHARACTEREB ROMANIAN VISIT COULD INDICATE LIBYA SEEKING "INDEPENDENT" ROMANIAN ASSISTANCE IN STRENGTHENING POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES. CARLE

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